

**Department of Transportation
Project No. 0039-0099
Replacement of Bridge No. 06705
Town of East Granby**

**Dec. 29, 2014 at 7:00PM, East Granby Town Hall, Conference Room
9 Center Street, East Granby CT
Minutes**

Present:

Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT)

Theodore Nezames, Kevin Blasi, Sarwat Basha, Jacob Platt, Steven Degen,
Robert Zaffetti

Close, Jensen and Miller, P.C. (CJM)

John Miller II, Brianna Maljanian

Town of East Granby

Edward Hubbard, Director of Public Works

Presentation:

Kevin Blasi explained the proposed use of accelerated bridge construction (ABC) involving a weekend closure of Route 20, introduced the design team members, and invited questions and comments from the public.

Brianna Maljanian gave a presentation of the proposed project to replace Bridge No. 06705 which consists of a 50 year old, 71-ft. long, 6-ft. diameter corrugated steel pipe which carries Muddy Brook under Route 20 just to the east of the East Granby Recycling Center. The Department's condition rating of the steel pipe culvert is considered poor.

Photographs and Plans of the site were presented:

- The deteriorated steel pipe culvert will be replaced by a precast concrete box culvert with an opening of 7-ft. wide by 7-ft. high. The floor of the culvert will be covered with 2-ft. of natural channel bottom material.
- The existing horizontal and vertical alignment will be maintained in the proposed design; the roadway at the bridge will be widened slightly to comply with the applicable 32-ft. standard width requirement.
- To minimize traffic and community impacts the proposed construction will utilize Accelerated Bridge Construction. The prefabricated culvert units will be installed during a Weekend Detour of Route 20.
- Environment permitting is anticipated for CT DEEP Inland Wetlands, and for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Programmatic General Permit.
- Construction is anticipated to begin in spring of 2016. The estimated construction cost is \$ 678,000.

Steven Degen gave an overview of the Rights of Way process including the Title search, Valuation, Review, Offer and Acceptance process. Mr. Michael Marzi of CDOT will be the Project Coordinator for the two required construction easements. Mr. Degen advised residents that if ROW acquisitions are required on their property, they will receive a letter for The Department, and this letter will inform them they may contact the Project Coordinator to set up a field meeting.

Public Comments and Questions:

- How will the proposed roadway widening on Route 20 impact the adjacent properties?

Response: The roadway widening will be occurring within the State Right-of-Way. Adjacent properties will not be impacted by the widening.

- Will the construction easements be temporary or permanent?

Response: The construction easements will be a temporary encumbrance on the property. The work required within the construction easement limits will be temporary, concluding at the end of the project. Once the Department is notified that the project is complete, the easement will be extinguished from the land records.

- There is a bicycle path west of the culvert; have bicycle lanes been considered as part of this project?

Response: The Department will perform a “Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel Needs Assessment” to determine which improvements to the roadway or structure, if any, can be integrated into the project. The assessment is a screening tool for potential project work that will enhance bicycle and pedestrian travel needs. Typically, the Needs Assessment focuses on a widening of roadway shoulders, for example, where possible. Some projects warrant such improvements due to frequent bicycle and pedestrian travel while other projects may not warrant improvements because of minimal bicycle and pedestrian use and other variables such as the proposed length of the project and the cost to implement improvements.

- How will local traffic be able to access their homes during the weekend road closure?

Response: It is anticipated that officers will be posted at the intersection of Route 20 and Holcomb Street, and Route 20 and Canal Street to help maintain and protect traffic during the weekend detour. Residents will be permitted to access their homes at all times during construction.

- Will locals be notified of the start of construction and the weekend road closure?

Response: Prior to the proposed road closure, the closure dates will be advertised through local media outlets such as newsletters, newspapers, and radio. Local emergency service personnel (fire, police, EMS) will also be notified.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.